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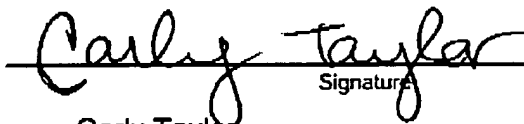
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2003, for which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set for February 7, 2004 (Saturday). Please amend the above-identified

5 application in accordance with the directions set forth below. The format of this communication is accordance with the Pre-OG press release titled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted" ("revised amendment format"), as set forth in the News and Notices section of the official website of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (PTO).

10 This response includes amendments to the specification and amendments to the claims.